GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

SE – Administrative approval for procurement of about 5 lakhs (Five Lakh) tabs for supply to the VIII Class students during the Academic Year- 2022-23 with an approximate estimate of Rs.750 Crores duly authorizing APTS to take up procurement of Tabs – Accorded – Orders – Issued.

SCHOOL EDUCATION (PROG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.134 Dated: 03.08.2022

Read the following:

1. From the CSE, AP, eFile No. ESE02-31021/33/2022-IT-CSE (Computer No: 1784034), dt.14.07.2022.
2. U.O.No.221/2022, GA(Cabinet) Department, dtd:02.08.2022, along with Cabinet Resolution No.221/2022 dated:02.08.2022.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the CSE, has stated that, provision of tabs to the Class-VIII children in Government schools will enable the children to make effective use of various learning Management tools available. The English Learning App offered by Ed-tech providers can also be effectively utilized with the availability of exclusive tabs for each child. This will help the class VIII children who are going to write the CBSE pattern of 10th class examination in English medium in 2024-25. With the availability of separate dedicated tabs for all students, they will be able to dedicate enough time to learn, refresh and revise the content taught in the classrooms by the teachers. Further, teachers also will, be able to monitor the learning progress of the children and guide them in further improvement. He has therefore submitted the proposal for according administrative approval to procure the Tabs through APTS, duly following the e-procurement norms.

2. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby accord administrative approval for procurement of about 5 lakhs (Five Lakh) Tabs for supply to the VIII Class students during the Academic Year- 2022-23 with an approximate estimate of Rs.750 Crores; subject to the following conditions:

a) Procure the tablets and use the freely available software and undertake open competitive procurement of the tablets in a manner that is most cost-effective.

b) Procure only hardware what's required for the purpose. A list shall be prepared of the various Ed-tech software proposed for use and their respective hardware requirements should be mapped, and the required specifications finalised. The advice shall be taken from non-profits and experts actively engaged in the Edtech field. Avoid procurement of very expensive state-of-art devices with high storage, processing power, graphics, high resolution cameras etc - more is not required when less is enough for the purpose.

c) Possibility of dovetailing funds from the Samagra Shiksha and any other Government of India programs to meet atleast part of the expenditure for the tablets.

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d) Use the free content available in Diksha platform of the Government of India and certain other sources. No additional budget will be made available to procure any software.

e) Background work shall be done to avoid the possibility of not having the right content and software ready even after the tablets are procured; not having content and software which are appropriately mapped to the curriculum; and ensure that the teachers are adequately equipped to facilitate tablets-based learning once the tablets become available.

3. Further, Government hereby authorize the APTS to take up procurement of Tabs, duly following the e-procurement norms, after according permission for specifications of the Tabs from the Government.

4. The Commissioner of School Education and the M.D, APTS shall take further necessary action accordingly, in the matter.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance (FMU-SE) Department vide U.O.No. FIN01 - FMU0ASD (SE) /33 / 2022 – FMU - SE (Computer No.1763444), dated.25.07.2022.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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The OSD to Minster for Education
The OSD to Secretary to C.M
The PS to Spl. CS(SE) to Govt.
The GA (Cabinet) Department [W.r.t. Cabinet Resolution No.221/2022 dated:02.08.2022].
The Finance (FMU-SE) Department.
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SECTION OFFICER